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Aloha Mr. Yee:

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
National Ocean Service Kihei Facility Project
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Thank you for your comments on our Draft Environmental Assessment for the National Ocean Service (NOS) Kihei Facility Project (KFP).

We met with Ms. Thelma Shimaoka of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs – Maui office on May 2, 2003. A general descriptive briefing with site maps and drawings was provided on the project at that time. In addition, Ms Shimaoka has been invited to visit the proposed site at her convenience. We will continue to coordinate with Ms. Shimaoka in compliance with the Section 106 Consultation Process.

The Kihei Facility Project was presented to the Maui Burial Council on Thursday, March 27, 2003 and copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Geotechnical Report were furnished to them.

We will follow through with additional outreach to the Hawaiian Civic Club in the near future.

Again, thank you for your comments and interest in this project, and we are looking forward to continuing to work with your office in the future.

Sincerely,

Claire Cappelle
KFP Responsible Program Manager &
Maui County Liaison